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Reagan Has Post for Kirkpatrick; He's Not Ready to Say What It Is

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 — President Reagan said today that he intended to offer Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, chief United States delegate to the United Nations, an unspecified high-level job in the foreign policy field.

Dr. Kirkpatrick, who has expressed a desire to leave the United Nations post and return to Washington, is scheduled to meet with Mr. Reagan next Wednesday at the White House to discuss her future in the Administration.

A White House official said the leading candidate to replace Dr. Kirkpatrick at the United Nations was Vernon A. Walters, an ambassador at large and former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

Mr. Reagan also said that the United States sought to continue arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union in March in Geneva, but that the Russians had not yet responded to an American proposal for that venue.

'Some Optimism' on Talks

"We just have not heard back," said the President, who voiced "some optimism" on the outcome of the talks with the Russians. The nuclear arms talks

in Geneva resumed on Jan. 7-8.

"This is the first time that they have ever publicly stated a desire to reduce the number of weapons," Mr. Reagan said. "Before, it seemed we sat down to negotiations to see how fast we were going to increase them."

But he added that "I don't think anyone, looking back over history, should be euphoric" about arms control talks.

The President made his comments this morning in separate White House interviews with The Associated Press and United Press International.

Discussing the prospective job for Dr. Kirkpatrick, one of the most prominent conservatives in the Administration, Mr. Reagan said: "It's not physically in the White House. It is a department of the executive branch that I'm not free to talk about."

Several Possibilities

Administration officials speculated that Dr. Kirkpatrick would be offered the directorship of the Agency for International Development, and close friends of Dr. Kirkpatrick raised the possibility that she might be offered the top post at the United States Information Agency.